

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF CAPE COD
COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND
TURNING MILL ENERGY

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 12, 2012

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Cape Cod Community College and Turning Mill Energy, Inc., as they enter into a unique partnership furthering green energy initiatives on Cape Cod.

Turning Mill Energy is a locally-owned small business that focuses on research and development in the renewable energy field. Having expanded from its roots as a telecommunications company, Turning Mill Energy has become an exemplar of a successful Cape Cod small business, employing only local Massachusetts citizens. After taking notice of Turning Mill Energy's success, Dr. John Cox, president of Cape Cod Community College, proposed a unique collaboration into which, he believed, the College and the company should enter. Under this proposal, Turning Mill Energy would be given space to continue their research and development with students, as well as the opportunity to design, install, and test new solar carports on the Cape Cod campus. In return, the College would see approximately a 20% reduction in its electricity expenses following the completion of these solar carports. The College and Turning Mill Energy will be officially unveiling these new solar carports together this December.

It is truly inspiring to see an educational institution collaborate with a private enterprise in order to advance the cause of renewable energy. Finding cleaner sources of energy should be a national priority, and I am proud that such important strides are being made on Cape Cod.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Cape Cod Community College and Turning Mill Energy, Inc., as they work together to support research and development of alternative sources of energy. I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking the College and the company for supporting such an important research initiative, and in congratulating them upon the official unveiling of their hard work this December.

IN HONOR OF LOIS NOLAN
"PAULINE" LARSON

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Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, Thoreau famously said most men lead lives of quiet desperation. My mother led a life of quiet inspiration. Thousands gave witness to that and stood in line for more than three hours to pay their final respects to Lois Nolan Larson,

affectionately known as Pauline. My family was deeply touched by the outpouring of the community. It was a great tribute to my mother's lifetime commitment to her community. Several kind statements of appreciation were made by elected officials—from the President of the United States to the Governor of our state; from Senators to House Leaders in Congress and members of the Connecticut General Assembly. It was, however, two articles—one by Tom Condon of The Hartford Courant, the other by Bill Doak of our hometown paper, The East Hartford Gazette, that captured the sentiment, feeling and appreciation of an everyday mom who gave to her community and set an example to emulate. The following are those two articles:

[The Hartford Courant, Oct. 12, 2012]

EAST HARTFORD MOTHER LEFT LEGACY OF
INVOLVEMENT AND ACTION

(By Tom Condon)

Democracy works because good people give their time and get involved. At the municipal level, few epitomized the ethic of participation quite like Lois Pauline Nolan Larson of East Hartford, who died this week at 87.

For decades starting in the 1960s, Mrs. Larson, known to all as Pauline, served the town in most of the ways it is possible to serve. She was a member of the town council and the Democratic town committee, on which she served as vice chairwoman and treasurer. She served on the town's parks and visiting nurse association boards and the cemetery commission. The community center in the Mayberry Village neighborhood where she lived is named in her honor.

She volunteered her time while she and her husband were raising eight children, and while she was battling multiple sclerosis. She inspired two of her children to go into public life. Her son Timothy Larson was mayor of East Hartford for eight years and is now a state representative. Her son John Larson is the seven-term U.S. representative from the 1st District.

John Larson spoke of his mother's battle with declining health in a televised speech at the recent Democratic National Convention, and how she wanted not to be a burden to her family. "Mom, you're not a burden," Larson told the convention crowd. "You're an inspiration."

Many in East Hartford nodded.

[From The Gazette, Oct. 18, 2012]

LOIS "PAULINE" NOLAN LARSON: FAMILY,
POLITICS AND MAYBERRY WERE HER LIFE

(By Bill Doak)

Lois Nolan "Pauline" Larson, one of the stalwart mothers of Mayberry Village and an influential leader in East Hartford political circles, passed away Wednesday, October 10 with her family by her side.

She is the mother of United States Congressman John Larson, and former mayor and State Representative Timothy D. Larson of the 11th Assembly District.

Sunday night a line of mourners waited for up to three hours outside D'Esopo's East Hartford Chapel on Carter Street. Monday for Pauline Larson's funeral in St. Isaac Jogues Church Connecticut Governor Dannel Malloy, US Senators Joseph Lieberman and

Richard Blumenthal and Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro were among the hundreds attending a Mass presided over by four priests from the local and state diocese.

Her daughters read a touching poem that, they said, reminded them of their mother.

Congressman Larson reflected on the influence his mother and father had and their love for one another, reunited at last. Raymond Larson died 24 years earlier.

"The first thing my father would say would be 'you're late', said the Congressman. He thanked the many people for their patience at the funeral home and those who made a difference, caring for his mother during the later years of her life as she battled Multiple Sclerosis and dementia. In particular he thanked his brother, David, who served as his mother's companion and caregiver at the family home on Chandler Street until the decision was made to care for her at Riverside Healthcare Center.

"Why," my sisters would ask, does she have to go through all this? Why does she have to suffer so?" The answer always came back from her caregivers, "Why? She's here to be with us."

Lois Pauline Nolan Larson died peacefully on October 10, 2012 at Riverside Health and Rehabilitation Center in East Hartford, surrounded by her loving family.

Born on April 9, 1925 to the late L. Edward and Carrie Mae (Douglas) Nolan, she was raised in East Hartford where she was a member of the East Hartford High School Class of 1942 and the National Honor Society. In 1945, she married her high school sweetheart, Raymond E. "Archie" Larson, who predeceased her in 1988.

She worked during WWII at Pratt & Whitney then worked part time at the Travelers and various other jobs while her children were young, then full time at several companies including Thomas E. Toomey and the State Capitol. In addition to her family, she loved her community and the Democratic Party.

She was very active in many civic and community organizations, including the Board of the East Hartford Visiting Nurses and the Mayberry Village Revitalization Association.

She served for many years on the Federation of Democratic Women and the Democratic Town Committee, including as Vice Chair. Pauline was among the first women elected to the East Hartford Town Council.

While she always felt others were more deserving, Pauline received countless awards and honors for her community service, including the naming of the Lois Nolan Larson Community Center in her beloved Mayberry Village. Pauline's greatest attribute was the love she gave not just to her family, but to everyone she came in contact with. She made everyone feel as though they were the most important person to her and nothing mattered more to her than what mattered to them. Her caring spirit was a gift to her children and their friends, who were always welcome at the "brick mansion" at 10 Chandler.

Pauline was predeceased by her sister, Eleanor Nolan Elton.

She leaves behind her eight children and their spouses: Sharon and Kenneth Fitzgerald, John and Leslie Larson, Daniel and Dorothy Larson, Christopher and Eileen Larson, Linnea and Edward Bennell, David Larson, Marylou and Raymond Onidi and Timothy and Nancy Larson; 18 grandchildren;

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